

Two killed in police, vigilantes' clash in Anambra

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Two vigilantes were reportedly shot dead yesterday during a clash with policemen at the Onitsha main market in Anambra State.

The policemen were said to have gone to investigate something at 'Our Lord Plaza' located in the market.

Witnesses said several other people sustained various degrees of injury during the clash.

But the state Police Public Relations Office (PPRO), SP Harunn Mohammed, confirmed the clash in a statement.

He, however, denied loss of lives.

Mohammed said a vigilante was shot in the leg while two others sustained injuries.

He said the victims were taken to the hospital and were responding to treatment.

The PPRO, however, said the situation was brought under control through the concerted efforts of the police led by the Area Commander, Onitsha and market leaders.

He said: "Normalcy has been restored and people are going about their lawful businesses."

The PPRO said the state Commissioner of Police, John Abang, had ordered a discreet investigation to ascertain the circumstances that led to the incident after which the perpetrators would be brought to book.